

ACTION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

**Present: Tara Walter, Michelle Cordes, John Anderson, Kristen Rodriguez,
Arthur Neal, Johnie Mendoza**
Absent: Judy Hughes

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

6. PRESENTATION

a. Pinal County March Madness

Mayor Walter presented Certificates of Appreciation Ty Schraufnagel and Associates

Mr. Ty Schraufnagel presented a certificate to the winner of Pinal County March Madness.

7. CONSENT: All items on the consent agenda will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

a. Proclamation declaring April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day. (Hez Allen)

b. Resolution No. 1773-21: Adoption of A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TUCSON POLICE

DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE ARIZONA HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA. (Bruce Walls)

- c. Approval of seven Phase II Returning Stronger Grant applications received, in the amount of \$47,597.64. (Ben Bitter)
- d. Approval of the February 16, February 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 25, March 29, and March 31, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes. (Lisa Garcia)
- e. Receive and file the following board and commission minutes:
 - 1. March 4, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting minutes

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, and carried (6-0) to approve the Consent Agenda, as written.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 702-21: Second reading and Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING TITLE XI, OF THE TOWN CODE, ENTITLED BUSINESS REGULATIONS BY REPLACING THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE IN SECTION 110.38, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021. (Lisa Garcia)

On motion of Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, and carried (6-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 702-21.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of necessary operating transfers to the General Fund CIP, in an amount not to exceed \$26,700; to the Highway User Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$1,021,738; out of the General Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$82,508, and out of the General Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$965,930. (Becki Jimenez)

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, and carried (6-0) to approve the necessary operating transfers to the General Fund CIP, in an amount not to exceed \$26,700; to the Highway User Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$1,021,738; out of the General Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$82,508, and out of the General Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$965,930.

- b. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to accept Doug Stinson's resignation from the Community Services Advisory Board. (Lisa Garcia)

On motion of Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice-Mayor Cordes, and carried (6-0) to accept Doug Stinson's resignation from the Community Services Advisory Board.

- c. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of appointment of Board and Commissions: (Lisa Garcia)

1.Appoint Carolyn Davis and Kellie Mendoza to the Community Services Advisory Board, with terms to expire December 31, 2024; appoint Kakthleen Leaman, as an Alternate, to the Community Services Advisory Board, with a term to expire December 31, 2021.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, and carried (5-0) with Councilmember Mendoza recusing himself, to appoint Carolyn Davis and Kellie Mendoza to the Community Services Advisory Board, with terms to expire December 31, 2024; appoint Kakthleen Leaman, as an Alternate, to the Community Services Advisory Board, with a term to expire December 31, 2021.

2.Appoint Philip West, as an Alternate, to the Historic District Advisory Committee, with a term to expire December 31, 2021.

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, and carried (6-0) to appoint Philip West, as an Alternate, to the Historic District Advisory Committee, with a term to expire December 31, 2021

- d. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of entering into a contract with Cactus Transport (dba Cactus Asphalt), for the Arizona Farms Overlay Project Phase II, in an amount not to exceed \$1,259,295.48. (Chris Salas)

On motion of Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice-Mayor Cordes, and carried (6-0) to enter into a contract with Cactus Transport (dba Cactus Asphalt), for the Arizona Farms Overlay Project Phase II, in an amount not to exceed \$1,259,295.48

- e. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to contract with Cactus Transport (dba Cactus Asphalt) for the reconstruction of a portion of Hunt Highway, in an amount not to exceed \$1,228,965.28. (Chris Salas)

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez, and carried (6-0) to contract with Cactus Transport (dba Cactus Asphalt) for the reconstruction of a portion of Hunt Highway, in an amount not to exceed \$1,228,965.28.

- f. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to purchase a Skeeter Type 3 firefighting vehicle, from Hughes Fire Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$281,609.65. (Paul Adams)

On motion of Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice-Mayor Cordes, and carried (6-0) to purchase a Skeeter Type 3 firefighting vehicle, from Hughes Fire Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$281,609.65.

- g. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval to renew the Garry L. Johnson Service Agreement, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, with the option to extend another two years exercised by the Town. (Catherine Wilson)

On motion of Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Vice-Mayor Cordes, and carried (6-0) to renew the Garry L. Johnson Service Agreement, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, with the option to extend another two years exercised by the Town.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

11. MANAGER'S REPORT

12. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

13. CALL TO THE COUNCIL – CURRENT EVENTS ONLY

14. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

For the purposes of discussions or consultations with designated representatives of the public body and/or legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 38-431.03 (A)(3), (A)(4) to consider its position and instruct its representatives and/or attorneys regarding:

1. Pending litigation in Maricopa County Superior Court: Town of Florence v. Florence Copper, Inc. CV2015-000325, including counterclaims and appeal, Case No. 1 CA-CV 19-0504.
2. The Towns' May 5, 2020 Petition to Revoke or Revise the Aquifer Exemption Granted to Florence Copper, Inc.

On motion of Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, and carried (6-0) to adjourn to Executive Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion of Vice-Mayor Cordes, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, and carried (6-0) to adjourn from Executive Session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, and carried (6-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Posted this 21st day of April 2021, on the Town of Florence website at www.florenceaz.gov by Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk.